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Grants Help Promote Smart Growth and Development of Town Center

Promoting smart growth in the city and creating a vibrant Rockville Town Center are two of the Mayor and Council's major policy initiatives, and recently, the City received three grants from the Federal Government and the State that will aid in making these initiatives a reality.

"These grants fund projects that will provide Rockville residents with more accessible Metro stations, particularly in Town Center, and an even more bicycle and pedestrian-friendly city," said Councilmember Bob Wright.

In March, the City received a grant of \$235,000 from the Federal Highway Administration for the evaluation of the accessibility of the Town Center and \$667,000 from the State of Maryland for the improvement of access to transit centers in the city. In addition, in January, the State granted Rockville \$735,660 to construct the second phase of the Rockville Millennium Trail, a multi-use trail that will serve bikers and walkers.

The Town Center access project will evaluate the accessibility of Rockville's Town Center from all portions of the city for existing conditions, over the next five years, and throughout the build-out of the Town Center Master Plan. The analysis will identify the strengths and weaknesses in pedestrian, bicycle, transit, automobile, and truck access to the area. When the analysis is complete, the project then will prioritize the implementation of improvements using a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) model and a series of public transportation and coordination activities.

"This project is vitally important to anyone who comes through or uses our Town Center," said Wright. "It will enable us to take a close and thorough look at just what we need to do to improve the accessibility of our downtown."

The grant from the State for improving access to transit centers is provided under the Access 2000 program, and it includes 19 projects such as improving sidewalks links within .6 miles of the Rockville Metro/MARC station and bicycle paths within two miles of the station.

"One example of the projects that will be funded by this grant is the upgrading of the bike path on Baltimore Rd. from the city limits to Gladstone St.," explained Larry Marcus, Rockville's Chief of Transportation. "This project will include widening the path to 8 feet in width, adding safety fencing in some areas, and upgrading street crossings."

Marcus estimates the total cost of the project will be approximately \$175,000.

Another smaller project includes improvements to the sidewalks on Beall Ave., one of the major pedestrian links to the Metro/MARC station. Older sidewalks will be upgraded, and additional sidewalks will be added.

The grant for the second phase of the Millennium Trail, which is through the State's Transportation Enhancement Program, is matching and reimbursable. The section of the trail that has received funding begins at E. Gude Dr. and Norbeck Rd. and travels along Rt. 28 until it reaches the

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City Releases Information Technology Strategic Plan

In early March, Rockville's Information and Technology (IT) Department presented the City's first IT Strategic Plan to the Mayor and Council. The three-year plan sets the direction for the City's current and future use of technology.

"The plan represents a significant step in achieving one of the major goals of the Mayor and Council's Technology Policy Initiative," said Councilmember Glennon Harrison. "When implemented, citizens will have a higher level of access to City information and services, and City employees will be able to do their jobs more productively."

For example, citizens will be able to register for recreation classes; download City forms; check on the status of their permits, plans, and inspections; and pay utility bills or parking tickets, all through the City's 24-hour a day, seven-day a week Web site, an interactive telephone system, or public information kiosks.

"Essentially, we want to build a government without walls, doors, or clocks," said City Manager Mark Pentz.

The plan has five major goals, which form the framework of the plan. They are: building and strengthening the City's technology infrastructure; developing the Information and Technology organization and staff structure; using technology to communicate and share information effectively; empowering and educating technology users; and extending and enhancing City services to the Web.

The City's IT Department began working on the strategic plan in the spring of 2000. The process for developing it included facilitating focus group meetings with all City departments and with RockNet, a citizen Internet group. These meetings focused on identifying the needs of each department with respect to technology. Along the way, each department defined their business so that IT could learn how technology could be applied to their work processes. IT also researched what other jurisdictions were doing and learned more about emerging technologies likely to impact businesses and governments in the future. After bringing all this data together, the five major goals of the strategic plan emerged.

"Creating this strategic plan was important for two main reasons," said Mike Cannon, Rockville's Director of IT. "We needed to provide a roadmap for City technology enhancements for the future and define and prioritize services that can be made available to citizens over the Internet."

An electronic version of the plan can be downloaded from the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us. Printed copies are available in the IT Department at City Hall.

CALL 301-315-5750 FOR MORE INFO

Work in Town Center Progresses



Work at 11 N. Washington Street is progressing steadily. The building, which will include retail and office space, is expected to be completed later this year. Some of the other projects in Town Center include:

- Construction has begun on the first building at Rockville Metro Plaza, located on Rt. 355 at Middle Ln.
- Renovations at 401 N. Washington St. are going.
- New restaurants – including Benito's and Tara Thai – are still expected to open in the RCI Plaza this spring.
- A draft Town Center Master Plan should be available at the end of April.

Calendar of Events

City Events

1 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Opening;

See Focus on the Arts (FOTA) Insert

1 Rockville Civic Ballet; See FOTA Insert

11 Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting; 7 p.m.; City Hall; Call 301-315-5796

20,21 National Chamber Orchestra Concert; See FOTA

23 Watts Branch Watershed Study Public Forum; Following Mayor and Council General Session; Call 301-315-6507

27,28 Rockville Little Theatre; See FOTA

28 Off-Leash Testing; 10 a.m.; Middle Ln. parking lot; Call 301-309-3115

29 Rockville Concert Band; See FOTA

For more information about City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.

Imagine Rockville

17 Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Red Brick Courthouse, Room 105

To join an Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

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For Seniors

3 Intermediate Bridge; 10 a.m.; Runs through May 22; Activity #217; Register by March 27; \$30 members, \$38 non-members

4,10,18 Blood Pressure Screening; 10 am.; Free

4 Birthday Party; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #145; Register by March 28; Free

5 Coronary Heart Disease; 10:15 a.m.; Free

5 Veterans' Group Trip to Gettysburg; 8:30 a.m.; Activity #247; Register by March 27; \$30 members, \$38 non-members

10 Readers' Group; 8 p.m.; Activity #274; Register by April 3; Free

10,19 Computer First Aid and Good House-keeping; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #364; Register by April 3; \$10

11 Classical Music Appreciation; 1 p.m.; Activity #250; Register by April 4; Free

12 Concepts of Drawing; 10 a.m.; Six-week class; Activity #243; Register by April 3; \$32 members, \$40 non-members; \$5 supply fee

18 Dragnet – It's Not; 7 p.m.; Three-week class; Activity #209; Register by April 12; Free

19 Hearing Aid Tune-Ups; Free; Call for appointment

19 Take the "In" Out of Incontinence: 1 p.m.; Free

19,26 Basic Dark-room Techniques; 9:30 a.m.; Activity #244 and #324; Register by April 10; \$30 member, \$38 non-member each

20 Fabric Art; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #237; Register by April 10; \$8 members, \$11 non-members; \$20 material fee

22 Senior Prom 2001; 7 p.m.; Activity #277; Register by April 9; Free

23 Real Estate Issues to Consider When Buying or Selling; 10:15 a.m.; Free

24 Stained Glass Stepping Stone; 7 p.m.; Activity #240; Register by April 15; \$8 members, \$11 non-members; \$35 material fee

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

Hungerford/Stoneridge Elwood Smith Community Center • General renovations and accessibility upgrades to include added meeting/activities room, restroom renovations, storage, and roof replacement • construction starts in April, with completion in September

Dawson Farm Park • Converting the Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end to greenspace • includes: art, historical signs, improvements to granary foundation, and changes to the stormwater management facility • construction in spring '01

West End Skate Park • Design complete and bid awarded • asphalt, fencing, and removal of racquetball practice walls nearly complete • equipment (ramps, rails, pipes, etc.) to be installed in April • opening in May

Twinbrook Street Tree Replacement • This multi-year project is ongoing • includes removing and replacing trees deemed hazardous, in major decline, or severely damaged by utilities

King Farm King Farm Park • Construction underway on 11-acre site • includes basketball and tennis courts, soccer and baseball fields, and picnic and open areas

General Projects Millennium Trail • Phase I construction to begin in May, with completion in September • includes trail on Wootton Pkwy. from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd. • Phase II, located on Norbeck Rd. from Gude Dr. to Wootton Pkwy, has received funding of \$735,000 • final design underway

Parks Topographical, Tree, and Boundary Survey • The goal of the project is to update the topographical data for parks and

grounds in the Rock Creek watershed • the information gathered will provide for improved planning, asset inventory, and maintenance • the surveying will take place throughout spring '01

Croydon Creek Nature Center • Located at Rockville Civic Center Park • construction underway, with completion in September

I-270/Rt. 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge parallel to Rt. 28 on south side across I-270 • will connect to Hurley and Nelson St. bikeways • under design • application for funding submitted in spring

Playground Equipment Improvements • Replacing equipment at Lone Oak and Welsh Parks during winter and spring '01

City Hall Expansion • Includes construction of a new wing and renovations to the existing building to accommodate overcrowding and future staff • plan includes a new entrance on Maryland Ave. • will allow for technology and energy upgrades • various options for accommodating additional required parking being studied, focusing on on-site solutions • parking demand reduction strategies being implemented • in the design and engineering phase • construction expected in fiscal year '02

CALL 301-309-3330 FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

Town Center Maryland Ave. Extension • Roadway design specifications to extend Maryland Ave. from Middle Ln. to Beall Ave. • design started in January

Lincoln Park Ashley Ave.-Lincoln Park Drainage Improvements • Collector pipe installed along the south side of Ashley Ave. to

which residents may connect their own sump pump discharge pipes • the goal is to reduce standing water in back yards and improve drainage conditions • construction in spring '01

East Rockville Horners Lane Water Tank • Includes removing tank in spring '01 prior to the start of the Highland Rd. project • Recreation and Parks is working with neighborhoods to determine the use of the land

West End Great Falls Road Project • Will improve the safety and appearance of the road from Monument St. to W. Montgomery Ave. • includes an 8-foot bike path, curb and gutter, and safety improvements • prior to road construction in April, a water line relining project will be completed

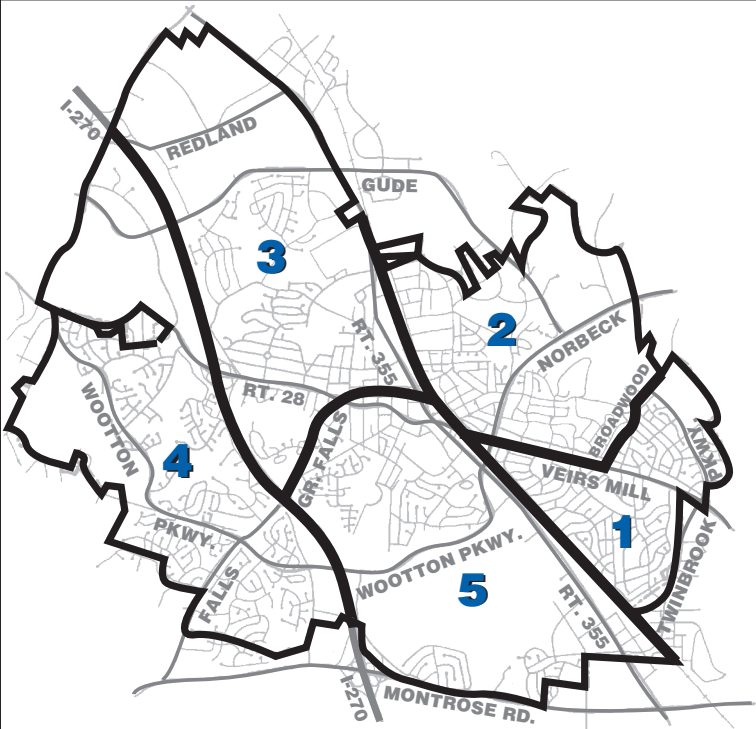
General Projects Water Main Work • Goal is to strengthen water distribution system and improve "fire flows" on Chapman Ave. and Jefferson St. • replaced in summer '01

Baltimore Road • Adding on-street parking, curb and gutter, traffic calming measures, and bike path sidewalk facilities between First St. and Broadwood Dr.

Falls Road Bikeway • Construction from Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. nearly complete • as soon as weather permits, the City will lay a final layer of asphalt, erect fences, and landscape

Wootton Pkwy. Widening Project Staff will evaluate the next stage of widening Wootton Pkwy. from Hurley Ave. to Scott Dr. in fiscal year '02 • will include evaluating demand, establishing citizen work groups, and designing • resident input sought and to be incorporated

CALL 301-309-3220 FOR MORE INFO



Spring Leaf Collection Starts April 2

After a long, hard winter, it's now time to start sprucing up your yard. Rockville's annual Spring Leaf Collection, which will run from April 2 through 13, is here to help. The day before your scheduled collection, rake the leaves into the gutter or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists. Remember, only leaves will be collected. Remove limbs, rocks, and other heavy objects. Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected.

CALL 301-309-3200 FOR MORE INFO

- Area 1 April 2 & 3
- Area 2 April 4 & 5
- Area 3 April 6 & 9
- Area 4 April 10 & 11
- Area 5 April 12 & 13

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service road at First St. The project ends at Veirs Mill Rd.

When completed, this phase of the trail will tie into the trail adjacent to E. Gude Dr. and the trail along Norbeck Rd. from Gude Dr. to Avery Rd. It will provide a direct link to the Rock Creek Bike Path, Mark Twain Athletic Park, and RedGate Golf Course. The trail will serve bicyclists and pedestrians where there currently is no sidewalk or path.

“We are pleased to receive this grant, because it will go a long way to making the Millennium Trail a reality,” said City Manager Mark Pentz. “This grant and the others that we have received were aggressively pursued by City staff, because we were able to identify a definite local need for these projects, and they further the Mayor and Council’s Town Center and Smart Growth Initiatives.”

CALL **301-309-3300** FOR MORE INFO
• OR •
CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

In Brief

Diversity Workshop

The Mayor and Council, Human Rights Commission, and Montgomery College Office of Equity and Diversity invite local students to attend the Diversity Leadership Workshop 2001 on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Montgomery College.

This free event offers students tools to disarm hatred and intolerance in their schools and communities and is open to all students of Rockville high schools and Montgomery College. Enrollment is limited.

CALL **301-309-3308** FOR MORE INFO

April Walking Town Meeting

Join the Mayor and Council for a walk through Cambridge Heights on April 28, at 10 a.m., as part of the City’s Walking Town Meeting program.

During these meetings, residents have the opportunity to walk through their neighborhood on a scheduled route with the Mayor and Council, City staff, and other citizens and speak with them directly about issues affecting their neighborhoods.

CALL **301-309-3247** FOR MORE INFO

Budget Dates

As the City’s budget season continues, here are some dates to remember:

- April 9 – City Manager’s budget presentation
- April 10 – Proposed budget available
- April 30 – Budget Public Hearing #1
- May 7 – Budget Public Hearing #2
- May 14 – Budget Work Session #1
- May 21 – Budget Work Session #2
- Aug. 10 – Adopted budget available

CALL **301-309-3310** FOR MORE INFO

Arbor Day

Commemorate Arbor Day with Rockville on April 27, at 10 a.m., at Mark Twain School. Join the City as it plants approximately 50 trees and landscapes around the school sign. Tools will be provided.

CALL **301-309-3038** FOR MORE INFO

Mock Trial

Rockville’s Human Rights Commission and the Montgomery County Human Relations Commission invite you to attend a mock trial on Tuesday, April 24, from 6 to 9:30 p.m., in the Circuit Court Building. The “trial” will examine legal issues in fair housing and will feature Judge Paul McGuckian and a discussion of housing discrimination. There is a \$10 fee to participate.

CALL **240-777-8478** FOR MORE INFO

Park Survey

This spring Rockville will enter the third phase of its parks survey, which will last several months. This phase will take place in the Rock Creek Stream Valley and nearby neighborhoods and will determine property lines and the location of natural and man-made physical features. The work will include aerial and field surveys.

CALL **301-309-3037** FOR MORE INFO

Police Accreditation

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Inc. will examine all aspects of the Rockville City Police Department’s policies and procedures, management, operations, and support service on April 21.

As part of the on-site assessment, residents are invited to offer comments by calling 301-315-6552 on April 23 between 1 and 5 p.m. Comments are limited to 10 minutes and must address the department’s ability to comply with the standards. Written comments can be sent to: CALEA, 10306 Eaton Pl., Ste. 320, Fairfax VA 22080.

For more information, call CALEA.
CALL **1-800-368-3757** FOR MORE INFO

Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Rockville is offering free income tax preparation assistance to low to moderate income residents of the city through April 10 on Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at 32 Courthouse Sq. Appointments are required, and electronic filing is available.

CALL **301-468-4179** FOR MORE INFO

Garden Plots

Enjoy spring with a garden plot at Rockville’s Woottons Mill Park. The plots are approximately 20’ x 25’ in size and will be plowed, staked, and numbered by April 1 (weather permitting). Water spigots are provided, but gardeners must provide their own hoses. There are 195 plots available. Registration is underway, and the cost is \$25 per plot for residents and \$35 per plot for non-residents.

CALL **301-309-3001** FOR MORE INFO

African-American Heritage Production

Join Rockville and Maryvale’s Finest for the sixth annual African-American Heritage Production, entitled *From Africa to America: Plight to Freedom*, on April 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The cost is \$5 for adults or \$3 for children ages 5 to 12.

CALL **301-309-3166** FOR MORE INFO

Kite Fest

Enjoy an afternoon of fun at the City’s third annual Kite Fest on April 1, at 1 p.m., at Montgomery College. The free event will include free flying, kite making, kite demonstrations, a kite hospital, face painting, and a moonbounce. There also will be refreshments available.

CALL **301-309-3340** FOR MORE INFO

Eggstravaganza

Meet Peter Cottontail at Rockville’s Eggstravaganza on April 14, at 10 a.m., at Broome Athletic Center Park. Games, crafts, a puppet show, and more will be featured. It is open to Rockville residents ages 1 through 9.

CALL **301-309-3340** FOR MORE INFO

Earth Day

Join Rockville and Christ Episcopal School as they celebrate Earth Day with a Bike-a-Thon on April 19, at 9:30 p.m., at Broome Athletic gym and field. There will be activities and demonstrations and a bike ride to Needwood Park. The event also will include bike safety lessons and information on environmental awareness.

CALL **301-424-6550** FOR MORE INFO

Bearly Used Sale

Twinbrook Community Recreation Center will host a Bearly Used Sale – Children’s Flea Market on April 7, from 9 a.m. to noon. Items for sale will include gently used, children-related items. There is no admission fee.

Sellers are still needed. There is a \$10 fee for each 8-foot-by-8-foot space, which includes two chairs. Tables also are available for an additional \$5 and must be reserved ahead of time. You must pre-register by April 5, and space is limited.

CALL **301-315-5760** FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

Ayuda gratuita con la preparación de lo impuestos

La Ciudad de Rockville les está ofreciendo a sus residentes de ingresos módicos ayuda gratuita con la preparación de los impuestos. Podrá recibir este servicio hasta el 10 de abril. El servicio tomará lugar los martes entre 7:30 PM a 9:00 PM en 32 Courthouse Square. Es requerido sacar un turno. Los ayudantes son voluntarios con extensa experiencia en la preparación de los impuestos. También podrá enviar su planilla electrónicamente. Llame al 301-468-4179 para más información.



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24 Dealing with Depression; 10:15 a.m.; Free

26 Estate Planning; 1:15 p.m.; Free

26 Rubber Stamping and Embossing; 1 p.m.; Activity #239; Register by April 19; \$12 members, \$15 non-members

26 Smithsonian – America the Beautiful; 10:30 a.m.; Activity #228; Register by April 20; Free

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center unless noted. For more information, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-person or mail-in registration.

For Teens

3 Teen Club Go-Carting Trip; 12:15-4 p.m.; \$15 Teen Club members, \$20 for non-members

4 Teen Club Horseback Riding Trip; 12:15-3 p.m.; \$26 Teen Club members, \$32 non-members

10 Teen Club Spring Break Trip to Frederick Keys Game; 5-10 p.m.; Includes buffet dinner; \$24 Teen Club members, \$28 non-members

12 Teen Club Spring Break Trip to Six Flags; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; \$20 for Teen Club members, \$23 for non-members

20,27 Robert Frost Teen Club Dance; 7:30 p.m.; \$2 Teen Club members, \$5 for non-members; For Robert Frost students only

For more information, call the Teen Programs Coordinator at 301-309-3345.

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April Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS
Mayor & Council Live
April 9, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
April 16, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing (tentative)
April 23, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
April 30, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing (budget)

Meeting Replays
Mon., 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report
Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., noon,
6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Mayor and Council Review
Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., and 10:30 p.m.

Cityline
Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
and 12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

SPECIALS
State of the City
(After April 9)
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m., and
1:30 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 2:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.
Mon. and Tues., 11 p.m.

City Manager's Budget Presentation
(After April 11)
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.
Sun., 11 p.m.

Trees in Rockville
Daily, 7 a.m.
Mon.-Fri., 1 p.m.
Sun., Mon., and Tues., 7 p.m.

Town Center Parking
Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Sun. and Sat., 1 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 7 p.m.

Caregivers
Mon.-Fri., 2:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 11 p.m.

Rockville Bikeways: Biking with Children

When taking a bike ride with your children, it's important to take along certain items. These include water, snacks, sunscreen, maintenance medications and supplies (antibiotics, diapers etc.), a first-aid kit, a tool kit, dry shirts, pencil and paper, bungee cords, safety pins, and your insurance card.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From the Feb. 12 and 26 meetings:
The Mayor and Council:

- Appointed: Steven Edwards, Bridget Newton, Virginia Onley, Joseph Whalen, and Daniel Milway (Compensation Commission); Carole Butler, Kenneth Lechter, Eileen Mader, Gregory Manougian, and Margaret Sante (Cultural Arts Commission); Richard Chace (Planning Commission); Rotraut Bockstahler and Wayne Savage (Sister City Corp.); and Murray Stein (Senior Commission).
- Awarded bid #42-01 to System 42 Inc., of Beltsville, Md., in the amount of \$47,250, for access ramp and sidewalk restoration at Rockville Civic Center Park.
- Awarded bid #53-01 to Winkler Aquatics Inc., of Hyattsville, Md., in the amount of \$45,900, for resurfacing the Swim Center's outdoor fitness pool.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend section 13.5 of the Rockville City Code, entitled *Moderately Priced Housing Unit (MPDU)*, to extend the MPDU control period for both sale and rental units to 30 years, amend the provisions for rental rate calculations, provide that a formula for calculating rental rates shall be set forth in the MPDU regulations, provide a right of first refusal to Rockville Housing Enterprises for units offered for resale, and provide for priority marketing procedures for rental of multi-family MPDUs to senior citizens.
- Discussed, instructed staff, and introduced an ordinance concerning text amendment application TXT 1999-00180, Fairfield LLC, applicant, which would amend portions of article VII, division 3, section 25-326 of the zoning ordinance, relating to the optional method of development in the O-1 zone.
- Discussed, instructed staff on, and adopted a resolution to amend section 2 of article II of the charter of the City of Rockville, entitled *The Mayor and Council*, to eliminate the provision that the Mayor and Council meet 13 days after the City election. The Mayor and Council now will meet prior to Dec. 1.
- Discussed, instructed staff on, and adopted a resolution to amend section 3 of article III of the charter of the City of Rockville, entitled *Registration, Nominations, and Elections*, to amend the provisions for nominating petitions for City elections.
- Discussed, instructed staff on, and introduced an ordinance to amend chapter 8 of the Rockville City Code, entitled *Elections*, which would reduce the number of election districts from 12 to six, delete the provision for a manual count for two districts, provide that applications for absentee ballots be available by May 1 in the election year, to increase the age from five to 11 years for persons accompanying a voter into the voting booth or machine, and provide that the Board of Supervisors of Elections may modify, under certain conditions, the restrictions on electioneering.
- Awarded a contract to Montgomery

County Public Schools, in the amount of \$54,453, for bus transportation for the summer camps and playgrounds programs.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

Mayor & Council Calendar

April 9..... General Session
April 16 Public Hearing (tentative)
April 23 General Session
April 23 Watts Branch Watershed Study Public Forum (following General Session, not televised)
April 30 Public Hearing (budget)
All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.
Council meetings are televised live on *The Rockville Channel* (ch. 11). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time.

April 9..... Anne Robbins
April 16 (tentative) Robert Wright
April 23 Robert Dorsey
April 30 Glennon Harrison

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

Vacancies

Animal Matters Board (one vacancy): This three-member board mediates petitions; provides written recommendations to the Chief of Police and Animal Review Official as requested; provides education and counseling on responsible ownership, maintenance, and treatment of animals; and provides advice and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on matters related to the care, training, maintenance, and regulation of animals within the city. Members serve for three years, and at least one member shall be a veterinarian or have training or experience in the proper training and care of animals.

Cable Communications Advisory Committee (City representative): The committee assists in the oversight of the franchise agreement and advises the County on use of the cable system and allocation of grants for public service. A knowledge of the County, communications technology and law, accounting, and business management is desired.

Members must file confidential financial disclosure statements annually.

Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large vacancy): This nine-member commission provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on human service needs in Rockville. It monitors changes in human needs in the city, assists the Mayor and Council in deciding appropriate City roles and priorities concerning human services, and participates in oversight and evaluation to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. They also may study specific human service-related problems. Members serve over-lapping three-year terms.

Recreation and Park Advisory Board (two vacancies): Members of this nine-member body encourage the development of desirable recreation and park facilities in the city and recommend programs for young people and adults that suitably reflect the needs of the citizens. One Rockville youth serves as a member of the board. Members serve for overlapping two-year terms.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

April 7, 9 a.m.
Board of Appeals

April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Human Services Advisory Commission, Location to be announced

April 10, 7:30 p.m.
Science, Technology, and Environment Commission

April 11 and 25, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission

April 16, 4 p.m.
Sign Review Board

April 17, 1:15 p.m.
Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

April 17, 7 p.m.
Historic District Commission

April 18, 6:30 p.m.
Rockville Housing Enterprises, 14 Moore Dr.

April 19, 5 p.m.
Board of Supervisors of Elections

April 19, 7:30 p.m.
Rockville Sister City Corp.

April 24, 5:30 p.m.
Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission

April 24, 7:30 p.m.
Traffic and Transportation Commission

April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Arts Commission

April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Human Rights Commission

April 26, 10 a.m.
Senior Commission, Senior Center

April 26, 7 p.m.
Recreation and Park Advisory Board, Lincoln Park Community Center